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Annual Town Meeting Set for April 17th and 18th

(Lamoine) — The annual town meeting to elect town officials and decide the important matters of the town budget and other business for the coming year is set for Friday, April 17, 1998 and Saturday, April 18, 1998. Secret ballot voting takes place on Friday from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. The open town meeting will be held Saturday at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 9:00 AM.

The candidates ballot this year features contested races for School committee and a vacancy on the Board of Assessors. Voters will also elect a Selectman and a Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Two referendum questions are also up for a vote on Friday.

The Selectmen's position has only one name on the ballot. Arthur Alley has agreed to serve a third term since he was first elected in 1992. He has served as chairman of the Board for two of his six years on the board. Arthur and his wife Mary live on Lamoine Beach Road and operate the Village Seamstress.

Hubene Brodie has agreed to run for Town Clerk and Tax Collector. If elected, she will replace Barbara Bartosenski who will retire at the end of this fiscal year. Hubene and her husband Carlton live on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine, and she runs a craft shop from her home. Hubene was named to the budget committee last summer.

Three people filed papers for the School Committee. Incumbent Richard King is seeking a second term on the school board. He was first elected in 1995. Richard and his two daughters live on Douglas Highway. He owns and operates a general contracting business, and performs much of the road work for the Town of Lamoine, including the winter plowing.

Lori Boynton is also running for the school committee. A member of the Parks & Recreation Committee for the past few years, Lori lives on Lamoine Beach Road with her husband CJ and daughter Paige. This is her first try at elected office in Lamoine.

Kathleen Stanley is the third person on the ballot. A former school teacher, Kathy owns and operates Sewing by the Sea in Bar Harbor. She lives with

her husband Gary and two daughters on Shore Road. This is her first try at elected office.

Running unopposed for a three year term on the Board of Assessors is Ellen "Jane" Fowler, the current chairman of the Assessors. Jane is seeking her second consecutive term, and served as an assessor for several years prior to her election in 1995. She and her husband Jay live on Partridge Cove Road where they own and operate a general contracting business.

The election to fill a vacancy on the Board of Assessors is a contested race with two people seeking the office. The two year slot was created when Joan Bragdon resigned from the board last Fall. Seeking election are Colene Sharkey and Terry Towne.

Colene is making her first attempt at elected office in Lamoine. She once filled in as tax collector and clerk a few years ago to cover for a vacation. She lives with her husband Bob on Seal Point Road and works for the American Greeting Card Company.

Terry Towne is making his second attempt for election to the Board of Assessors. He's the full time Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Mount Desert and serves as Lamoine's Deputy Code Officer and Plumbing Inspector. Terry has been active with the Mobile Home Park and Impact Fees Committee, and serves on the Board of Appeals. He lives on Cove Road.

The position of elected assessor may be short-lived, though. Voters are asked if they wish the Board of Selectmen to assume the elected duties of the assessors and authorize the Selectmen to hire professional help to process the assessing information and keep up to date with the work.

The Selectmen have discussed the change in assessing for a couple of years. The business of assessing is an extremely complex one, and it was felt that hiring a professional to have more of a hand in the process would benefit the town. A public hearing was held on March 26th on this question, and on the Mobile Home Park Ordinance which will also be voted on April 17th. Discussion from the public hearing is highlighted on page 2.



*A welcome sight
as a Bangor
Hydro Electric
bucket crew
restores the
power to Mill
Road*

ICE STORM 98 Impacts Lamoine

(Lamoine) — The ice storm which hit Maine in January 1998 included Lamoine in its path of destruction. The biggest problems included lack of electricity and roads rendered nearly impassable by fallen trees. However, the town fared better than many in Maine thanks to hard work on several fronts.

The storm began on Monday, January 5th with a steady freezing drizzle. The forecast was for several days stuck in the same weather pattern, and the forecasters were correct. Few, though, had any idea of the destruction the buildup of ice would bring. When it stopped raining, ice buildups of six inches were common on some surfaces.

By January 7th, the town got its first taste of ice storm related problems. At about 10:30 PM, the fire department was called to a report of a burning power line. Upon arrival, it was found that high voltage line in front of the Donald Moore residence on Douglas Highway had been brought down by a fallen pine tree limb. By then, Bangor Hydro Electric crews were already widely scattered, and the only thing the fire crew could do was block the road until the utility crews arrived. Things were returned to normal about 3-hours later, and power restored for the night.

Thursday, January 8th saw the problems start in earnest. Trees had started to bend down in the road all over town. Particularly hard hit that day was Seal Point Road and Mill Road. Road Commissioner Stu Marckoon and Richard King's crews spent hours cutting trees out of the way, only to have more come down. By that evening, the power outages had started to become more widespread. Fire Department crews responded to calls for a generator to power sump pumps to empty rapidly filling basements. Many calls for limbs burning on live wires were also received, and the Fire Department was able to send manpower to

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Assessors, Mobile Home Park Ordinance out for Referendum Vote

(Lamoine) — The opportunity to comment on two proposals up for a referendum vote came on March 26th as the Selectmen held a public hearing. The first question concerns the Board of Assessors, and whether the jobs should be merged with the elected Selectmen and a professional hired to perform much of the assessing work.

Very few people attended the public hearing, but they came armed with good questions and comments. Candidate Terry Towne asked if the Selectmen intended to do the "grunt" work. The Selectmen explained that the town office staff will handle the bulk of the paper work, a hired professional will do the field work and set values on changed properties, and the Selectmen will pitch in if needed. Chairman Arthur Alley said it will be a learning experience for the first year, should the measure pass.

Resident Gerald Jordan said he would favor seeing a separate board of assessment review where a taxpayer could make an appeal of their valuation. Selectman Alley pointed out there is no such board at this time, but said he's willing to give the idea some consideration.

The cost of the program was questioned. The salaries of the current board of assessors is \$3,150. RJD appraisal, which does the field work in the Spring, charged about \$1,700 in 1996. The total cost of those two functions was \$4,850. RJD proposes quarterly visits and the spring field work for \$6,000, which means an increase of \$1,150 per year over current costs. The Selectmen said they are interested in keeping things up to date in a more professional manner, and feel this is a good deal for the cost.

Resident Charlie Major asked if anything was built into the budget in case more help is needed. The Selectmen said

they don't believe such help will need to be hired.

Regardless of the referendum vote, the town will begin a quarter review of properties next year. RJD Appraisal will study 25-percent of the town yearly in order to update records in preparation for the next valuation.

The Mobile Home Park Review ordinance drew some comment as well. Charlie Major, who was on the committee which formulated the ordinance, explained that it was the most restrictive allowed under state law. It limits where a trailer park can be located by not allowing them over sand and gravel aquifers. Committee member Bob Sharkey commented it was the best piece of legislation he's read.

Citizen Gerald Jordan said it seems very complex, though, because one must refer to the Sub-division ordinance when applying for a mobile home park. Committee member Terry Towne said to include all items into one ordinance would make it extremely thick and cumbersome to handle.

Mr. Jordan also noted that some restrictions in the current ordinance are removed from the proposed document.

Mr. Major said the reason for that is they are too restrictive, and the ordinance could easily be challenged under state law. Mr. Towne explained that mobile home parks are unique under state law in that towns are not able to pass ordinances more restrictive than state regulation.

Mr. Sharkey said the Planning Board is working on other ordinances individually, but hopes to put all of Lamoine's ordinances into an easy to read, codified document at some point in the not too distant future.

The assessor question is the first question on the referendum ballot. The Mobile Home Park Ordinance is next.

Complaints investigated by Code Enforcement Officer

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright reports she is investigating a number of unrelated complaints received during the winter.

A stop work order was issued on a road building project on Seal Point Road. An abutting property owner had complained the road was too close to the property line. The subsequent investigation found that the builder had not obtained a road opening permit, and may need a shoreland zoning permit to locate the road near the coast. The matter is still

under discussion.

Another citizen complained of an illegal overboard plumbing discharge. An inspection of the property off Seal Point Road found basis for the complaint, and the landowner has been contacted.

Neighbors of a wood cutting operation on Lamoine Beach Road complained about late night operations. There are no restrictions on hours for wood harvesting, but the forester was contacted and asked to keep the noise down, and he was glad to comply.



(Lamoine) — New building activity came to a virtual halt during the first quarter of the year. As of late March, no new building permits had been issued in 1998. The only permits issued since the last edition of this paper are:

Nbr	Name	Type
51	Hans Heiniger	Garage
52	Edith Radcliffe	Deck

Planning Board busy behind the scenes

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has been busy working on a number of ordinances to bring the town into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan passed in 1996. That has occupied much of the Board's time in the past few months, and they report good progress.

The Comprehensive Plan and the subsequent grant received from the State of Maine for implementation called for proposed ordinances by the annual town meeting this year. Those ordinances are not yet ready for action by voters, but should be ready in June.

The Board has dealt with various other issues during the winter. A request for a gravel extraction permit on Lamoine Beach Road by Reginald McDevitt has been put on hold pending receipt of further information from the applicant.

The Board met with the owner of a goat farm regarding compliance with her commercial building permit. It awaits receipt of letters regarding manure storage and runoff.

The Board also met with a local realtor regarding a possible building addition within the Shoreland Zone. Further information was required, and the Board has yet to hear further information from the realtor or the property owner.

The board also suggested to the Selectmen that testing of wells in a North Lamoine neighborhood be done as a compost material is stored in a grave pit there on a season basis. The Selectmen passed that concern to the pit owner, who felt it should be up to the well owners to obtain their own tests.

Finally, the regular Planning Board meetings have changed to the first Monday of each month to accommodate members schedules.

ICE STORM 98

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investigate all the calls. One homeowner thought their house had caught fire when an arc of electricity traveled down the building's electrical entrance. A full structure fire response ensued, but it was found to be no problem. While on that call, a couple other calls came in to the fire department in the same neighborhood. Thursday night was the first night much of the town went without power on a long term basis, although Mill Road residents lost their power on Wednesday the 7th.

Friday brought further problems and further calls for help. Widespread and long term power outages hit the town. Many basements which rely on sump pumps to stay dry filled with water with no place to go. A portable generator was trucked around town to get pumps going and get the water level down. Many more trees were down, and the crews continued the effort to keep the roads somewhat passable. At no time was any road closed, but it was difficult dodging the trees in places. Some trees came crashing down in the road right in front of approaching vehicles, but no major accidents were reported from falling trees. The barrage of calls to the electric utility and fire department continued. The town hall had power off and on, but finally gave up staying open when the power went off for several hours by late Friday morning. Shelter for Lamoine residents was available in Ellsworth at the Middle School. Several residents took advantage of that offer for a warm place to sleep, food, and a shower. In fact, many residents relied on friends and family in surrounding towns to provide some basic necessities.

By Friday night, most of the town was without power, but still coping fairly well. Saturday, January 10th brought a concerted town response as the weather finally eased up. The sun started to shine, and ice buildup had stopped.

First Selectman Arthur Alley, Administrator Stu Marckoon, Fire Chief Skip Smith, and contractor Dick King met at the fire house that morning and decided upon a damage assessment and cleanup strategy. Mr. King's crew and David Herrick were employed to start clearing the fallen tree debris from the streets. A wood chipper was rented, and Mill Road was the first to get attention. The Fire Department dispatched several two man crews to assess the needs all over town. The Lamoine Baptist Church and the Boy Scouts were contacted to check on residents who might have trouble coping with the storm. The plan was quickly implemented and under way in less than an hour thanks to many willing volunteers.

During the damage assessment

check, a car fire was discovered on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine. Edith Radcliffe had stopped her vehicle at a residence to inform the people in the home limbs were burning on the power lines outside. While she was inside the home the live wires fell under her vehicle, igniting the tires. Thanks to quick work by Bangor Hydro and the fire department, damage was limited to the tires of her car.

By the end of daylight on Saturday, Mill Road was passable again. A work crew headed up by David Herrick had cut down the trees blocking the road, and had chipped many of the branches. The Cold Spring Water Company contacted the fire department which supplied a truck with a generator to get the water pump going again, as the 50 or so customers had lost water pressure.

Sunday morning saw more calls for the portable generator to keep sump pumps going in flooded cellars. The roadside cleanup continued as the Mill Road was finished, and work on Buttermilk Road began. A couple of minor fire calls came in with complaints of limbs on wires. Power was still out in much of the town, but was restored by mid-afternoon on Mill Road. After more than four days, residents there had stable electricity once again. By midnight, much of the town had its electricity restored by Bangor Hydro Electric. That evening, the town made its initial damage

estimate to the County Emergency Management Agency. That was needed in order to obtain state and federal funding for the disaster cleanup. It also turned very cold on Sunday night, causing those without power to shiver.

Monday brought a relative calm. The state announced an emergency food grant was available for low income households which lost frozen and refrigerated food due to the power outage. By the end of the eligibility period, a half dozen residents had qualified, and the state has made full reimbursement to the town.

More help was brought in to clear the debris from the roadsides, and the effort became more difficult because of the low temperatures. The Hancock County Jail provided an inmate for free help on the roadside cleanup. George Crawford and John White were hired to start a second chipping operation in the Marlboro area. The town office started contacting areas of town it knew did not have power. Daily contact was kept up with the known outage areas until the power was restored. Most residents seemed to be coping well with the long term outages, relying on backup heat, neighbors or relatives to stay warm and fed.

Among the longest outage areas were Pheasant Lane in the Partridge Cove subdivision, the entire Eagle Point Subdi-

vision, and a few individual households which lost their service entrances. It's believed the last house in town get be re-hooked to power was on South Birchlawn Drive, after enduring nearly 9-days without electricity.

The Governor and President declared the state a disaster area. That makes towns eligible for funding to cover the costs of responding to emergency calls and cleaning up the damage. A representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) visited Lamoine less than a week after the power was restored, and most everything was back to normal. The initial damage claim was around \$19,000. The biggest bill came for ice cleanup of the roads by Richard King, Inc. It was the opinion of the town attorney and the Board of Selectmen that the cleanup was beyond the scope of the snow removal contract the town has with Mr. King's company.

Other items for reimbursement include the debris removal efforts by the crews the town hired, and some equipment damage to the portable generator at the fire department.

The FEMA claim was submitted in February, and the initial check for \$17,600 came in late March. The claim was left open ended so that debris can be cleaned up once the snow melts in the

spring. The Selectmen are in the process of hiring crews to clear away that left over wood debris and chip it on site on the public roads in Lamoine. It's hoped this effort can begin in late April and proceed quickly.

The storm has left some valuable lessons for our town, and really pointed out that when a crisis hits, the human spirit is strong. In every case where help was requested, the Town, through either its paid staff or volunteers was able to provide some sort of help. The Lamoine Fire Department deserves a great deal of credit. Chief Skip Smith and a hearty band of volunteers manned the station for hours on end, responding to the many requests for service. The equipment purchases through the years, and the top notch maintenance on that equipment paid off and the right tools for the job were on hand, and they performed well.

The Selectmen issued numerous certificates of thanks to the many people who assisted in the the storm relief effort, something many other towns have yet to do. We were the first to officially thank County Ambulance and the American Red Cross for their sheltering activities. They and the many other organizations thanked by Lamoine seemed quite pleased to be recognized for their efforts. But it is truly the town that is pleased with the result.

Elderly Needs & Housing Committee Presents Report

(Lamoine) — The three member Elderly and Housing needs Committee presented its report to the Board of Selectmen in late March. The committee surveyed the residents of town and compiled the results in January.

Chair Tammy Dickey reported there is a lot of enthusiasm to volunteer, but no coordinating program is in place to identify the needs, the willing volunteers, and the resources available for help.

The committee met with a woman from Blue Hill who has set up a large volunteer program in that community which is active and working well. They envision something similar, but on a smaller scale.

Mrs. Dickey said several people have contacted the committee already inquiring about assistance, and at least one person was matched with an existing program. The Selectmen suggested that the clergy and congregation of the local church be brought on board, and endorsed proceeding with a coordinate plan for a volunteer program.

A volunteer application has been developed by the committee. It will be enclosed as a separate flyer with the town report. People interested in beginning the volunteer group are asked to sign up and return the form to Mrs. Dickey.

At the meeting, Comprehensive Planning Committee chairman Charlie Major said one key item for the team of volunteers will be to identify those residents who might have needs, but have no support system of family, friends or neighbors in place to get those needs.

Mrs. Dickey said the Eastern Area Agency on Aging will help train volunteers once the program becomes more organized.

Useful senior tips on the radio

(Lamoine) — Elderly needs committee member Dartha Reid reports that many useful items of information can be heard the 2nd Tuesday of each month on WERU radio. The program airs at 10:00 AM. Diana Weigel, a former radio news reporter and current public affairs director for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging is the hostess. Dartha reports that the show has some very good information for seniors.



Firefighters extinguish a vehicle which caught fire when a live wire fell underneath the wheels during the ice storm

Fire Calls increase markedly during winter

(Lamoine) — After experiencing one of the safest, and least busy years on record in 1997, the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department has already received as many calls in the first couple months of 1998. The bulk of the calls came during the ice storm in January, with 19 requests for service or other such emergencies. Property damage to homes was relatively minor, but two motor vehicles were substantially damaged by fire.

Besides the various reports of burning limbs on wires and requests for service to help keep sump pumps going, there was the one car fire call during the storm (see article previous page). In early March, the fire department responded to a car fire on Partridge Cove Road (Route 204). Upon arrival, the car was fully engulfed and flames, and was considered a total loss. The owner said they had just returned from a trip to Mount Desert Island, and suspected an electrical problem may be to blame.

The fire department is proud to welcome two new members. Edward Farnsworth has recently moved to town. He's also a volunteer on the Ellsworth Fire Department, and brings a lot of experience to the Lamoine squad. His father, Everett, is the past chief in Ellsworth. The other new member is Harry Rodriguez of Ellsworth. He serves as the photographer and has been extremely helpful at fund raisers.

Some of the equipment at the fire house was damaged during the ice storm. Engine 401 lost a mirror on the car fire call when a tree struck it en route. Engine 402 was scratched when it responded on the Mill Road to supply power to the Cold Spring Water Company. A portable generator apparently got water inside the coils during the storm, and is no longer operational. During the diagnosis effort on the generator, a portable sump pump was ruined because of the low power output.

Fire Department purchases rescue boat

A new rescue boat was delivered to the fire house in February



(Lamoine) — Without the expenditure of tax dollars, the members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department have purchased a brand new rescue boat, motor and trailer. In addition to the boat, the department has purchased two rescue suits and other gear needed for cold water rescue activities.

Chief Skip Smith reported to the Selectmen that the department is not yet in the cold water rescue business because members need extensive training on rescue methods. To train, though, it is helpful to have the boat to expose volunteers to real life conditions.

Member Carlton Johnson has agreed to head up the rescue training and the squad once its trained. It's expected the training will take several months.

Road Numbering close to completion

(Lamoine) — If all goes well, you may have a new address in the summer of 1998. The US Post Office in Ellsworth has started the process of matching up the current rural route addresses with the proposed new street addresses. The town office has generated the street addresses, and the rural route carrier has that list and will match up the houses to verify accuracy.

The City of Ellsworth and towns of Trenton and Surry also plan to start conversion, which will aid the post office in having the entire 04605 zip code in conversion.

Still at issue is how the mail will be addressed. Ellsworth and Lamoine, for instance, each have a Shore Road. The post office is contemplating using the same zip code, but having the mailing address be Lamoine, Maine 04605. Stay tuned for further developments on that front.

The new road names have caused some confusion. The Partridge Cove Road, in particular, has been very confusing. Emergency crews have responded to the Partridge Cove Subdivision instead of Route 204. The town is attempting to get a good map for emergency vehicles.

State may cut property taxes

(Augusta) — The Maine Legislature, in late March, gave overwhelming approval to a plan to cut property taxes to year-end levels in Maine. The plan involves a homestead exemption, which would decrease the value of a home by \$5,000. If signed by Governor Angus King, property tax bills on a primary residence would reflect a lower building valuation by that amount.

At Lamoine's current tax rate of \$18.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a homeowner would pay \$68.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a home. The higher the mill rate, the greater the savings (but obviously, the higher the tax bill).

It's not yet clear when the homestead exemption would take effect, but it's likely in the 1998/99 tax season, as the new rates become effective as of April 1, 1998. It is anticipated the State of Maine will work on the process by which homeowners can apply for the homestead exemption with the local tax assessor. In Lamoine, that will mean processing of in excess of 450 applications for the exemption. The burden on the town office staff is not yet clear.

Town Report out in early April

(Lamoine) — The annual town report will be distributed door to door in town in early April. The Downeast Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will do the delivery for a \$125 donation.

The report is one of the biggest publications produced by the town office each year. It includes the year-end financial reports for the town, the list of unpaid taxes, reports from various departments around town, the proposed town budget for the coming year, and the town meeting agenda in its entirety for April 17th and 18th.

This year's town report was dedicated to the memory of Eleanor Hodgkins Betty Harding. Eleanor was a retired pool teacher. Betty was our Registrar of Deeds at the time of her death, and she worked for over 25-years at the Lamoine Pool.

The cover of the town report is a collection of photographs from the ice storm in January of 1998. Contributing to the photos were Win & Mabel Moore of Birchlawn Drive, Rick Fennelly of Jordan River Road, and Mark Good of Ellsworth Weekly.



Mooring fee renewals due

(Lamoine) — Boaters who moor their crafts in waters off Lamoine State Park are reminded that mooring permits must be renewed by mid-May. Renewals are \$15 per mooring, and may be done through the town office, or with Harbor Master Bill Pinkham.

The Harbor Ordinance, enacted in 1996, provides for penalties for boats moored in the designated harbor area but without a mooring permit. Approximately 52 moorings have been designated in the area, designed to minimize the chance for drifting damage. Renewals have a priority, and a waiting list is established on a first come/first served basis.

Boat registration fees increase

(Lamoine) — It'll cost you more to register your boat this year than it did last year. The Maine Legislature has approved a new registration fee schedule effective this year. Previously, all boats cost \$4 per year to register. The new fee schedule is based on the horsepower of the motor. Ten horsepower or less will cost \$6. Eleven through 50 horsepower costs \$10. Greater than 51 horsepower is \$15. Personal watercraft (jet-skis) cost \$20. The new fees are being charged based on the information in the computer at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. If for some reason, that information is wrong, please let the tax collector know so the proper fee can be charged, and the information corrected.

Car registration size increases

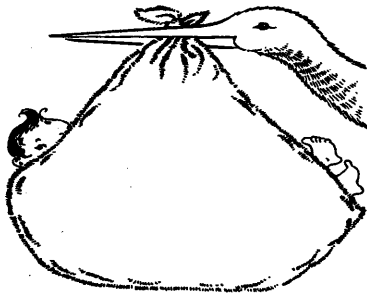
(Lamoine) — If you've registered a vehicle since January 1, 1998, you've no doubt noticed the new size on the motor vehicle registration form. The Secretary of State's office, which runs the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, increased the size in an effort to put more information on the front of the form. Little else about the registration process has changed. To re-register a vehicle, you simply need to bring in your proof of insurance, and know the mileage on the odometer of the vehicle. A signature on the registration form is no longer needed at re-registration. New vehicle registrations can be done on a limited basis in the town office, provided the new car was purchased from a Maine dealer, and you have an existing license plate.

Budget increase proposed for 98/99

(Lamoine) — The proposed budget for 1998/99 shows an overall increase of approximately \$10,000, but a tax increase may be needed to fund the spending. The non-education portion of the budget has dropped \$78,500, thanks to the fact the town will not build a portable classroom this year. The education portion of the budget, though, shows a spending increase of nearly \$87,400. The increase reflects a new teachers contract which may be in place for the next fiscal year, and an increase in the tuition Lamoine pays to secondary schools to educate high school students.

The Selectmen have opted to word the town meeting budget articles in such a way that the spending line cannot be increased, but can only be decreased at open town meeting. This is a departure from past town meetings which were worded to ask how much the town was willing to spend on a particular article. The Selectmen said that by "capping" the articles, the integrity of the work of several months by the Budget Committee is maintained, and not subject to the possible whim of a special interest at town meeting.

Individual parts of the budget show administration salaries proposed to drop with the possible elimination of assessor salaries, and a lower salary for the new town clerk/tax collector. The overall administration budget is up \$3,255 thanks to the change in assessing costs projected, and for the quarter review planned starting in the next year. The Code Enforcement part of the budget falls slightly, as the CEO and Local Plumbing Inspection jobs are combined at a set salary. Planning falls by \$750 as the Selectmen wish to eliminate membership in the Hancock County Planning Commission. Requests by Social Service Agencies are up \$1,277. The Selectmen and Budget Committee made no recommendation regarding passage. The parks & recreation budget is up \$550 in order to do more work at Lamoine Beach Park. The budget committee reduced the request from the Ellsworth Public Library to \$3,500. A new maintenance account for the portable classrooms owned by the town was added for \$2,000. The public safety budget is up \$1,425 to install a new hydrant at Blunt's Pond. The road budget increased \$20,685 to pave Asa's Lane next summer. The solid waste budget is up \$5,153 as the town anticipates increases in the cost of disposal at the PERC plant.



Ice Storm bring Special Deliveries

(Lamoine) — OK, the power's been out for three days, what more could possibly go wrong? You could be expecting at any moment to add to the tension. Two Lamoine families added new members during the ice storm, while one new resident arrived on Valentine's Day!

Ivy Elizabeth Wallace arrived right smack dab in the middle of the ice storm on January 8th. She's the daughter of Richard and Connie Wallace of Butter-milk Road. She's also the granddaughter of State Representative Bill Pinkham, and the little sister of Isaac Wallace. Ivy also had the distinction of being the first baby born in 1998 at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor.

The power was back on at home when **Rylan Jesse Brann** was born at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor on January 16th. He's the son of William and Shelly Caron-Brann, and the little brother of Dylan. They live in a new home on Shore Road.

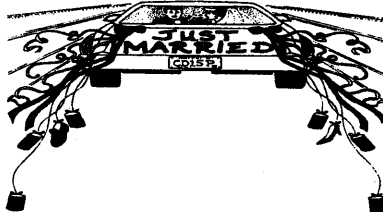
It was a special Valentine's Day for Ernest "Bubba" Payson and his wife Suzanne as their first child, **Kaleb Jordan Payson** was born at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital. Kaleb was a good luck charm, as dad was named the employee of the month at Shop 'N Save in Ellsworth, and had his picture prominently displayed at the front of the store for the month.

Lamoine native keeps planes flying

(Lemoore, CA) — Lamoine native Stacey Covey is one of the few Temporary Active Reservists in the country helping keep a squadron of planes airborne. The US Navy reports she is stationed at Strike Fighter Squadron 125 in California, which maintains fighters for aircraft carriers.

Stacey is a 1994 graduate of Ellsworth High, the daughter of Walter & Diane Covey.

Three Couples exchange vows in first quarter

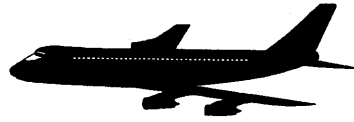


(Lamoine) — Three couples residing in Lamoine were married during the winter months.

On January 31, 1998 **Dorothy Woods and Clay Ramsdell** exchanged vows in Ellsworth. They reside on the Lamoine Beach Road.

On February 15, 1998, **Mary Ellen Miller and Paul Crossman** were wed in Sullivan. They reside on Douglas Highway.

On February 21, 1998, **Rhonda Boynton and Stewart Workman** were married in Lamoine. They reside on Asa's Lane.



A wild ride for two Lamoine Residents

(Lamoine) — A return flight from Florida turned out to be quite a thrill ride for a Lamoine woman and her 10-year old son. Gwendy and Bubba Quesada of the Mill Road were passengers on a Delta Airlines jet which skidded off the runway at the Portland Jetport.

The Ellsworth Weekly ran their story in the March 20th edition. The Quesadas had missed their flight on Friday, March 13th and caught the Saturday flight from Cincinnati to Bangor instead. It started to snow on Saturday, and the runway in Portland had not been plowed when the flight landed. The jet skidded off the runway, coming to rest near a fence by the Fore River.

They told the paper the ordeal was pretty scary, but no one was seriously hurt. Instead of the short 25 minute flight from Portland to Bangor, the Quesadas had to ride in a bus.

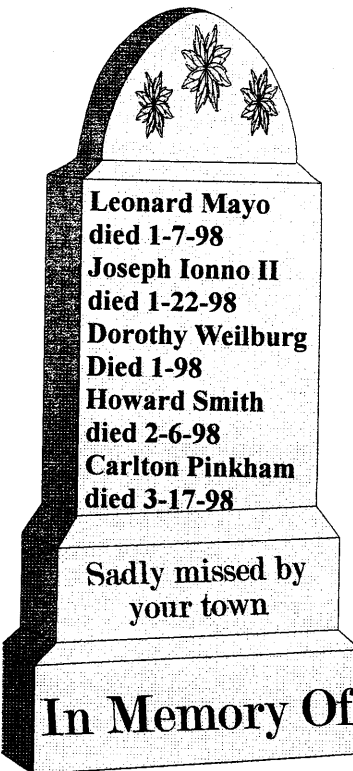
Lamoine Lawyers keep tabs on South Africa

(Johannesburg) — Lamoine lawyers Fred Stocking and Jim Crotteau traveled to South Africa in March to help monitor an amnesty hearing by that country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. They spent two weeks interviewing various people who have testified before the commission in the past two years about an assassination. *The Bangor Daily News* profiled the two in the March 13, 1998 edition.

Stocking & Crotteau both worked at Pine Tree Legal in Machias before moving separately to Lamoine. The paper reports once they return from South Africa, they plan combine their law practices.

The trip was made under the auspices of the National Lawyers guild. They are among more than 75 lawyers working on the monitoring project which began two years ago. They'll report to the United Nations later this summer.

Stocking is the chairman of the Lamoine Board of Appeals, and lives on Lamoine Beach Road. Crotteau lives on Douglas Highway.



Recycling Rate is 27.2%

(Lamoine) — The amount of solid waste recycled by the town in 1997 came in at 27.2% of all the waste generated. This was the first year in some time the town has been provided with solid recycling figures to report to the state, and it's a sign that we could be doing more to recycle.

Last year, Lamoine sent 522 tons of trash to the PERC plant in Orrington. That cost over \$25,000 to incinerate, and another \$13,000 to transport that waste from Lamoine to Orrington.

Figures from Sawyer Environmental, which handles the recycling for Lamoine, show we recycled 21.51 tons of cardboard, 32.24 tons of newspaper, 5.18 tons of glass, 8.31 tons of metal cans, and 2.76 tons of plastics. Grimmel Industries picked up 20.82 tons of metals which generated \$312.30 in revenue for the town. The swap shop saw 4.64 tons of material move in and out of the building.

The town gets credit for the state bottle bill, and backyard burning of leaf and brush waste. The adjusted rate of 27.2 percent is a little lower than the reported rate of past years, but the figures

for 1997 are more accurate than ever thanks to the recycling contract with Sawyer.

The town has experienced some problems with contamination of recyclable materials. A few loads have been rejected because of the mixture of paper and glass materials. The problem may have been caused by bins that were contaminated when they were placed at the transfer station by Sawyer. Residents are asked to be careful to put the proper material in the proper slots in the large outside containers.

Town Loses former Selectman Pinkham

(Lamoine) — Former Selectman Carlton Pinkham passed away on March 17th following a lengthy illness. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Pinkham was a Selectmen from 1983 to 1988, and served for many years as the town's Road Commissioner. He was also one of the original founding members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department in 1948.

He's best known as a dairy farmer, and the Pinkham fields are still active hay fields, though the dairy herd is long gone. He is survived by his wife Erva and many children and grandchildren.

Dangerous Building Razed

(Lamoine) — Another building deemed dangerous by the Board of Selectmen has been removed by the owner. Morris and Constance Kandl's building on Lamoine Beach Road was the subject of several complaints by neighbors that it was an attractive nuisance. It had not been maintained for many decades, and had fallen into disrepair.

The town contacted the Kandl's last fall, and they in turn worked with a local attorney to secure the services of a contractor to remove the building. The removal was accomplished in February, and the property looks greatly improved.

The remains of one more dangerous building have yet to be removed. Owner James Saloma has been contacted about the building which burned in 1990 in the Partridge Cove Subdivision. The town is concerned about reports children have played in the wreckage. Additionally, there is a heating oil tank that is badly rusted, and it's not known if fuel is still stored in the tank. Mr. Saloma has indicated a willingness to work with the town to remove the nuisance, and details are still being worked out.

Late winter storm causes minor damage

(Lamoine) — Monday, March 9, 1998 brought a torrential downpour to much of Downeast Maine, and Lamoine was not spared some of the damage. Many residents reported cellars filled with water and some items ruined by that. Many neighboring communities experienced washed out roads from the extremely heavy rain.

The only road problems in Lamoine came on Buttermilk Road and Birchlawn Drive. A driveway at the Kenneth Varney home on Buttermilk Road washed out when the water flowed over the top of the culvert.

Selectman chair Arthur Alley contacted Richard King, Inc. to repair the washout damage, and the work was completed shortly after the inundation stopped.

The town has done extensive work in the past few years on roads with drainage problems, including those areas affected by the rain. Some additional work will be needed in the Spring to shape some dirt roads (Berry Cove Road) and shoulders to fix some winter runoff damage.



Workers with the Maine Department of Transportation fill potholes on Route 184

State Routes on needed repairs list

(Lamoine) — State Route 184 (Douglas Highway and Lamoine Beach Road) has made a list of state highways that need a lot of work, greater than just a repaving job can accomplish. The Maine Department of Transportation is working on a list of roads around the state which need major repair. The timing couldn't be better.

The winter of 1998 has been a horrendous one for Route 184 in Lamoine. Dangerous frost heaves and pot holes have made for extremely rough driving in North Lamoine and from Asa's Lane to Lamoine Beach. Drainage and base materials on the road are believed to be the culprit. Numerous reports of vehicle damage have filtered into the town office from motorists who drive Route 184. Many say they are using the Buttermilk Road instead to get to Ellsworth.

The state asked for local input as it puts its list of projects together. Route 184 made the top of the local list for a couple of reasons. The intersections with Route 204 (Jordan River Road & Pinkham's Flats) have a sight line problem, and should be rebuilt. The extremely rough condition of Route 184 was listed as a reason for possible reconstruction. A third area of need was also identified, that being Route 204 from Raccoon Cove Road to Marlboro Beach Road. A tremendous heave just past Raccoon Cove Road has caught unsuspecting motorists by surprise this winter. The state has received the requests which will be forwarded to a Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for further consideration.

DOT officials have planned to put a skim coat of paving on Route 184 this summer, which should smooth out some of the pot holes. The last time the road was paved was in the summer of 1993.

The state roads, and some local roads were posted in late February to keep heavy truck traffic from doing much more damage to the surface.

April — Town Schedule

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2-7pm Fire Dept	3	4
5-2:00 AM Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Ahead!)	6-office closed AM 6:30 School Board 7:00 Planning Board	7-6:30 Parks & Recreation Committee	8	9-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	10	11
12-Easter Sunday	13-6:30 PM Planning Board Workshop	14-Office closed AM	15 7:00 School Candidate's Night	16-7:00 Fire Dept	17-2pm to 8pm Voting at town hall	18-9AM Town Meeting at School
19	20-Office Closed, Patriot's Day	21	22	23-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	24	25
26	27	28-Office Closed all day	29	30-7:00 Fire Dept		

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3	4-6:30 School Board 7:00 Planning Board	5	6	7-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	8	9
10-Mother's Day	11	12	13	14-7:00 Fire Dept	15	16
17	18	19	20-office closed DMV Training	21-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	22	23
24	25-Office Closed, Memorial Day	26	27	28-7:00 Fire Dept	29	30
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	1-6:30 School Board 7:00 Planning Board	2	3	4-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	5	6
7	8	9-Primary Election 10am to 8pm	10	11-7:00 Fire Dept	12	13
14	15	16	17	18-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	19	20
21-Father's Day	22	23	24	25-7:00 Fire Dept	26	27
28	29	30-Fiscal Year Ends				

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